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As per the Tunney Act, please consider the following in regards to the proposed microsoft settlement:

It does not sufficiently compensate consumers for our loss due to lack of competition.

A more appropriate and punitive responce would be to require, at a minimum, that Microsoft allow hardware vendors to sell computers WITHOUT forcing consumers to buy Microsoft software, and without any fees for doing so.

In my experience with software developers, and VC funding, there is widespread belief that creating a product that in any way competes with Microsoft now, or where Microsoft may want to go in the future, will result in anti-competitive behavior on the behalf of Microsoft.

This has drastically hindered software advances in the US, and abroad.

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